

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 303(D) of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation ("ODOT") hereby submits the following Rule Impact Statement for the amendment of PERMANENT rules contained in **OAC Title 730:3-2. Standard Specifications.**

Brief Description of the Purpose of the Proposed Rules:

The rule amendment proposed to OAC 730:3-2. Standard Specifications is required to update the rule so that it references the correct version of the "Standard Specifications for Highway Construction" manual that is currently used by the Department. The rule references the 1999 version of the manual when it needs to reference the 2019 version of the manual.

Description of the classes of persons who most likely will bear the costs of the proposed rule, and any information on cost impacts received by the Agency from any private or public entities:

The Department does not anticipate there to be any costs associated with amending this rule to reference the current manual used by the Department. If there are any costs impacts, the Department will bear any such costs.

Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule:

The public and the Department will benefit from the amendment of this rule because it will correctly reference to the most recent version of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction manual that ODOT currently uses.

Description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing for all fee changes and, whenever possible, separate justification for each fee change:

No economic impact is expected on any persons, classes of persons or political subdivisions by the amendment of this rule. This rule amendment does not create or cause a fee change. The rule amendment is necessary to appropriately reference the 2019 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction manual rather than the outdated 1999 version.

A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an economic impact on any political subdivision or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule:

The proposed rule amendment will have no economic impact on ODOT or any other agency. The amendment rule will update and provide the corrected reference to the 2019 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction manual ODOT uses. No additional costs or economic impacts are anticipated to be expended by ODOT or any other agency due to this amendment.

A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act:

No anticipated adverse economic effect on small business in Oklahoma is anticipated due to this amendment of this rule. The proposed amendment serves an administrative function to update outdated references and language contained in the rule.

A determination of the effect of the proposed rule on the public health, safety, and environment and, if the proposed rule is designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk:

The proposed amendment of this rule may impact the public health, safety, and environment because it will list the correct version of the highway construction manual that is used by the Department. The amendment of the rule is needed to remove an outdated reference to the 1999 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction manual and will eliminate the risk of anyone relying on or using outdated construction standards.

A determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety, and environment if the proposed rules are not implemented:

Failure to amend the rule as proposed may have a detrimental effect on the public health, safety, and environment. Failure to amend the rule could cause outdated construction specifications to be used.

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